



TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: Briefs and Arguments Scheduled for March and April 2021

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BRIEFS AND OTHER COURT PLEADINGS SCHEDULED TO BE FILED

March 17, 2021 *League of California Cities v. FCC*, No. 20-71765 (9th Cir.). Petitioner challenges the declaratory ruling in *Implementation of State and Local Governments' Obligation to Approve Certain Wireless Facility Modification Requests Under Section 7409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012*, 35 FCC Rcd 5977 (2020), which purports to clarify existing Commission interpretations of 47 U.S.C. § 1455(a).

April 1, 2021 *China Telecom (Americas) Corp. v. FCC*, No. 20-2365 (4th Cir.). China Telecom petitions the court to set aside the FCC's December 4, 2020, Order Instituting Proceedings on Revocation and Termination and Memorandum Opinion and Order in the Matter of China Telecom (Americas) Corporation, GN Docket No. 20-109.

ORAL ARGUMENTS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD

April 15, 2021 *City of Eugene, Or. v. FCC*, No. 19-4161 (6th Cir.). In these consolidated cases, local franchising authorities (LFAs) challenge a Commission order issued on remand from the Sixth Circuit in *Montgomery County, Md. v. FCC*, 863 F.3d 485 (6th Cir. 2017). The order on review holds that under the Communications Act of 1934, cable-related in-kind contributions from a cable operator to an LFA are "franchise fees," LFAs are barred from regulating non-cable services provided over cable systems, and any state or local requirements that are in conflict with those holdings are expressly preempted.